

HEADACHE

State of New Jersey EMD Guidecards Version 8/98

**K
e
y

Q
u
e
s
t
i
o
n
s**

Is patient alert?
Is patient breathing normally?
How is the patient acting? If unusual, what is different about them?
Does the patient know where they are and who they are?
Is the headache different than headaches the patient has had in the past?
Did the headache come on suddenly or gradually?
What was the patient doing when the headache started?
Does the patient have pain anywhere else? If so, where?
Has the patient had a recent illness or injury? If so, what?
Does the patient have a headache history?
Is the patient wearing a Medic Alert Tag? If so, what does it say?

SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS

**D
i
s
p
a
t
c
h**

Unconscious/not breathing normally.
Decreased level of consciousness.
Mental confusion.
Worst headache ever.
Sudden onset.
Physical exertion.
With visual disturbance, with no history of migraines.

BLS DISPATCH

Head injury, without critical symptoms.
Migraines.

HEADACHE

Pre-Arrival Instructions

Nothing by mouth.

Allow the patient to find position of comfort.

Gather patients medications, if any.

If the patient's condition changes, call me back.

Prompts

If unconscious, go to UNCONSCIOUS/BREATHING NORMALLY AIRWAY CONTROL

If unconscious, NOT breathing normally, go to CPR for appropriate age group.

Short Report

Age

Sex

Specific location

Chief complaint

Pertinent related symptoms

Medical/Surgical history, if any

Other agencies responding

Any dangers to responding units